

**ABSTRACT**  
**DOCUMENT DEVELOPMENT PLATFORM**

A method and computer apparatus for creating, managing and using a document development system (“DDS”) is provided. The DDS includes a method for creating a document based upon a dialog and associated template (“DAT”). A DAT is a template associated or linked with a dialog box or form (“dialog”) such that a user can enter and/or select text in the dialog and the text will be displayed in a newly created document based upon the template. The DDS further includes a method for creating a DAT using a GUI and without the need for programming or coding the dialogs or the links between the templates and dialogs. The DDS further includes a method for managing DATs such that an organization can create, test and share DATs with the organization’s end users.